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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Raymond Jose Norland et al.)	Examiner:	Renee S. Luebke
Serial No.:	10/659,488)	Group Art Unit:	2833
Filed:	September 10, 2003)	Docket No.:	DP-308803
For:	Electrical Connector Having)		
	Improved Elastomeric Contact)		
	Pressure Pad)		

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Second Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 29, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed October 13, 2004.

Applicants propose to cancel claims 10 and 11 leaving claims 1 -9 remaining in the patent application.

Applicants propose to amend base claims 1, 4 and 7 by incorporating number limitations on the number of longitudinal ribs of the elastomeric pad and the number of longitudinal rows of contacts.

Applicants request entry of the amendment under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.116 and allowance of claims 1-9.